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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN PRESS HAILS DJIBOUTI INDEPENDENCE

1. LOCAL DAILIES STRIVE TO GIVE IMPRESSION OF VIRTUAL
EGYPTIAN SPONSORSHIP OF FLEDGLING REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI.
ARTICLES JUNE 25 NOTED THAT EGYPT, IN NOTE FROM FONMIN
FAHMY TO HASSAN GOULED, HAD ASSURED DJIBOUTI THAT GOE
WOULD RECOGNIZE NEW REPUBLIC WITHOUT AWAITING FORMAL
NOTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENCE. GOE HAS REPORTEDLY ALSO
DECIDED TO SPONSOR DJIBOUTI'S APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
IN ARAB LEAGUE AND WILL CO-SPONSOR (WITH GHANA) APPLICA-
TION TO OAU.

2. BOTH AHAM AND AKHBAR JUNE 26 CARRY EDITORIALS
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STRESSING EGYPTIAN (AND ARAB) RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT
DJIBOUTI FROM "FOREIGN COVETOUSNESS" AND TO PROVIDE
DIRECT TECHNICAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE. AKHBAR DETAILS
PAST EGYPTIAN INVOLVEMENT IN DEFENSE OF LOWER RED SEA
AREA AND CONCLUDES THAT PEOPLE OF DJIBOUTI "MOSLEM ARABS
LIKE SOMALIS WHO ARE LINKED WITH EGYPT THROUGHOUT HISTORY".
EGYPT THUS HAS SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT DJIBOUTI

FROM "IMPERIALIST COVETOUSNESS AND SUSPICIOUS DESIGNS."

3. DAILIES JUNE 27 REPORT MESSAGE OF CONGRATUALTIONS FROM SADAT TO GOULED, AGAIN EMPHASIZING GOE SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY WITH NEW REPUBLIC. EGYPT REPRESENTED AT INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES BY DEPPRIMIN FOR SERVICES HAFIZ GHANIM, WHILE ARAB LEAGUE DELEGATION HEADED BY SENIOR ASST. SYG SAID NOFAL.

4. EMBASSY HAS LITTLE INFORMATION ON MUHAMMAD SAMI HAYBA, WHO ACCOMPANIED GHANIM AND WILL REMAIN AS FIRST EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TO DJIBOUTI. HAYBA PROMOTED TO MINISTER RANK IN MFA IN 1965, SERVED IN CANADA BEFORE RETURNING TO MFA IN EARLY 1976, WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL DJIBOUTI POSTING.

5. COMMENT: LOCAL PRESS NEVER MENTIONS SOURCE OF "SUSPICIOUS MOVES" THREATENING DJIBOUTI, BUT IMPLICATION IS CLEAR THAT ETHIOPIANS AND SOVIETS ARE CULPRITS, NOT SOMALIA. WHAT SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE GOE PLANNING TO PROVIDE DJIBOUTI NEVER SPELLED OUT, ALTHOUGH CHOICE OF GHANIM TO HEAD EGYPTIAN DELEGATION MAY INDICATE THAT SOME EGYPTIAN TEACHERS AND/OR ADMINISTRATORS MAY BE OFFERED. IT UNCLEAR HOW EGYPTIAN SPONSORSHIP WILL EXPEDITE DJIBOUTI'S APPLICATION FOR ARAB LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP, REPORTEDLY ALREADY RECEIVED AT AL HQS, SINCE AL MINISTERIAL COUNCIL, WHICH NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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